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| **Assignment** | **Date Due** |
| * Read Ch. 1-4   On separate sheets of paper:   * Answer Questions 1-13 in complete sentences. | Weiman: October 20th  Kumari: October 15th |
| * Read Ch. 5-8   On separate sheets of paper:   * Answer Questions 1-10 in complete sentences. | Weiman: October 24th  Kumari: October 20th |
| * Read Ch. 9-Epilogue   On separate sheets of paper:   * Answer Questions 1-14 in complete sentences. | Weiman: October 30th  Kumari: October 27th |
| * Choose 3 items from the Extension Menu. Follow the directions to complete the projects. | Weiman: November 3rd  Kumari: October 31st |

**Chapters 1-4:**

1. Who is the narrator and how old is he? What supports this in the book?
2. Who are the Lobsterbacks and who are the Minutemen? Why were these names given?
3. What are two personality traits Sam’s father has? Cite at least 3 text evidence examples for each trait.
4. Tim frequently mentions sins. What sins does he mention? Why do you think Tim thinks about sins so often?
5. Who were the Tories or Loyalists, from what you understand?
6. The soldiers Sam joined were sometimes called rebels and sometimes called patriots. What’s the difference?
7. If you were Tim, would you tell your father Sam stole “Brown Bess?” Why or why not?
8. Why were the Patriots disarming the Loyalists?
9. If Sam had stopped, what do you think Life would have said to him? Why? What did the characters do or say earlier in the book that can support your guess?
10. The citizens of Redding don't all agree about the colonist-British dispute. What are some of the conflicting ideas among the residents of Redding?
11. What does Tim admire about his brother? What does he dislike?
12. What type of conflict in the outside world are the citizens of Redding facing? With whom is Tim in conflict?
13. Do you think Tim would really have shot his brother if Sam hadn't managed to get the gun back? Explain.

**Chapters 5-8**:

1. The only form of communication in Colonial times were newspapers and pamphlets, so people received news long after it happened. How do you think our modern day instant communication would have changed the Revolutionary War?
2. The tavern must have wood for the fire to cook and for heating. Wood was of critical importance. Scroll down to the subheading “Wood” in this article. Name the 4 other uses for wood. How much wood did the average family use to heat their homes and cook their meals?
3. What is Tim's attitude toward lying? Why, in spite of his attitude, does Tim begin to lie to his father?
4. Make a prediction about Mr. Heron. Do you think he is really a Tory or a Patriot? What has he said or done that supports your guess?
5. Why were Tim and his father going to Verplancks Point?
6. When they pass houses with children, Tim says, “It made me feel proud of myself for being a man while they were still children, and I shouted at the oxen and smacked them on their rumps with my stick, just to show off how casual and easy I was with oxen...” Was Tim really becoming a man if he’s still trying to show off? Does this remind you of an earlier event in the book? Who did Tim admire for his “casual, easy way” of doing something?
7. Why do you think Tim said he was “in a foreign country” when they crossed the New York Colony line? Use dialogue or facts from the book to defend your answer.
8. Tim’s father said he doesn’t care where the cattle end up, with the British or the Rebels. He said he just wants to feed his family. What do you think of his viewpoint?
9. What uncertainty or anxious feeling do you have as you finish reading Chapter 9? Why does this *suspense* make you want to read on?
10. What contrasting ideas and values does Tim struggle with, to show his Character vs. Self conflict?

**Chapters 9-Epilogue:**

1. What happens to Tim and his father on the way home? How does Tim avoid capture?
2. What did Tim say was the biggest change that had occurred?
3. Why do the British troops arrest Captain Betts, Mr. Rogers, and Jerry Sanford?
4. Tim’s mother said, “War turns men into beasts.” Name all the examples you’ve read that support this.
5. Why did Sam think they hated him?
6. What did Tim say made him feel like Sam’s equal instead of his little brother?
7. What do you think Tim’s father meant when he said, “And now I go to enjoy the freedom war has brought me?”
8. Do you agree or disagree with Tim’s statement, “I wasn’t going to be on anybody’s side any more: neither one of them was right?” Why do you agree or disagree with that statement? Why or why not?
9. Why is Sam allowed to return to Redding?
10. What happened to Sam?
11. Why do you think Tim didn’t cry or faint when he heard what would happen to Sam?
12. Irony is the contrast between what one would *expect* to happen and what *actually* happens. What's *ironic* about Mr. Meeker dying on a British prison ship? What's *ironic* about Sam's execution?
13. How would you describe Tim's feelings in the Epilogue? Do you think his feelings are natural, or strange? Explain.
14. Suppose you could write a “happy ending” to this story. What would happen in your happy ending? What would the story tide be? Would your ending be realistic and historically accurate? Explain. Tim says that he “grows up” after his father's disappearance. In what ways does Tim show that he's grown up?